

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD BEFORE THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 23, 2005**

A public hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Councilmembers	
John Schroeder	Present
Bradley Seger	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Renee Kabrick	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the hearing, a majority of the members of the legislative body must be in attendance. All seven members were in attendance; therefore, there was a quorum for the hearing.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments concerning the amendment to the text of a portion of the City's zoning ordinance that references the rules for election signs.

City of Jasper Ordinance Number 1993-17, entitled "Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Control Ordinance and Flood District and Flood Damage Prevention" and any and all amendments thereto were incorporated by reference into the record of this public hearing.

Notice appeared in the Herald on November 7, 2005. Notice was also posted at city hall and faxed to the news media.

Mayor Schmitt then asked for public comment and if there were any remonstrators present.

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein reported that she had received information concerning case law and constitutionality of limits for how long election or political signs could be displayed. Hemmerlein stated that she had reviewed and updated the whole "sign" ordinance section and explained the proposed amended ordinance. There followed some discussion about temporary signs and banners for special events that were displayed at a sponsor's place of business rather than where the event would be held. It was agreed to follow up on this issue.

There were no other comments and no remonstrators present.

On **motion** made by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Howard, and unanimously agreed, the public hearing was closed at 6:48 p.m.

William J. Schmitt, Mayor
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary